

Idaho 9th Grade Direct Writing Assessment

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Have you ever listened to a heartbeat? Do you ever think about what the heart symbolizes? To tell you the truth, I don't believe I ever did when I was younger. As we get older and our bodies & minds grow, I believe that our emotions & values change and grow too.

Love is a feeling that, as we say, "can steal our heart." I have a strong belief that it is one of the most powerful emotions. When I was a little girl the word love was just a courtesy thing to say. Like please and thank you it was a thing to tell somebody I liked. Never once did I really take meaning to the word until a couple short years ago... and maybe I'm still learning.

Valentine's Day has always been enjoyable for me to celebrate. It's a time of year to give gifts and show kindness to one another. Now that I'm older and can comprehend the meaning of the day, I think of it as a romantic holiday. Love isn't just a word, it's a blessing that we hold within us. A gift to share.

As my heart continues to beat, I know I will hold my head high and love every friend and foe that I meet. Possibly one day, the entire world will glory in it and give that love back. Who knows, maybe we will have a future of peace.